

CELEBRATING THE UNIVERSITY
OF ST. FRANCIS' 100TH ANNIVER-
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HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2020

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the University of St. Francis located in Joliet, Illinois, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary. Since 1920, the University of St. Francis has distinguished itself as a valuable institution for its students and a major contributor to Joliet and the greater Illinois area.

Founded in 1920, the Congregation of the Third Order of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate established the Sisters' Normal Institute of Higher Learning, now known as the University of St. Francis, to educate its own members. By 1930, the institution reorganized its education to provide a full college curriculum and grant bachelor's degrees. As the college expanded its educational opportunities, it was eventually renamed the University of St. Francis in 1998.

The University of St. Francis has been an institution committed to providing opportunity for its students and educating a community of learners who are engaged in the continuous pursuit of knowledge, faith, wisdom, and justice. Their academic excellence makes the institution a valuable part of the community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the University of St. Francis' 100 years of excellence and congratulating the institution on achieving this milestone.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF
JUSTICE JOHN F. O'DONNELL

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the retirement of the Honorable John F. O'Donnell, J.S.C. Justice O'Donnell is stepping down from his position as the New York State Supreme Court Justice of the Eighth Judicial District after a remarkable legal career.

In doing so, I recognize the efforts Justice O'Donnell has made on behalf of Western New York families; especially those affected by child abuse and domestic violence. Justice O'Donnell has been an outspoken advocate for women and children within the court system.

Justice O'Donnell began his career in the private sector in 1971, and later ventured into public service as a confidential law clerk. Justice O'Donnell soon became a pillar of the Erie County Family Court. In November 1985, he was appointed as a hearing examiner, and in January 1988, he became an Erie County Family Court Judge. In January 1992, he was named the Supervising Judge of the Family Courts, and the Domestic Violence Education Coordinator for New York's Eighth Judicial District.

Justice O'Donnell has served on the State Supreme Court since 1995. In November 2003, Justice O'Donnell became the first judge to preside over the Erie County branch of the

Integrated Domestic Violence Court. This monumental court reform initiative allowed New York State to streamline the legal processes involved in domestic violence cases, thereby better serving individuals and families.

Justice O'Donnell has been honored with numerous accolades throughout his rich career, including the 1999 Judges and Police Executives Conference Jurist of the Year, the 1997 Western New York Matrimonial Trial Lawyers Association Judge of the Year, the 1998 Bar Association of Erie County Family and Matrimonial Law Committee Special Achievement Award, the 1993 William B. Hoyt Award from the Erie County Coalition Against Family Violence, and the 2001 Ted Hengerer Award from the Theatre of Youth. In 1997, Justice O'Donnell was inducted into the Signum Fidei Society of his alma mater, St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute.

Madam Speaker, thank you for allowing me to recognize the retirement of Justice John O'Donnell here today. He has dedicated his career to finding justice for the people of Western New York and we greatly appreciate his service.

IN HONOR OF LESTER J. STOUTD

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lester J. Stoutd of Huntingdon County for his service in the United States Army. Lester is an outstanding Pennsylvanian, and I am grateful for his service to our nation, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and our community.

In Pennsylvania and across the country, our veterans have served and sacrificed for Americans' freedom and our values. They answered the call to serve and fight for us—at a great cost. Truly, our veterans are the best of America.

In Congress, it is my privilege—and my responsibility—to stand up for those who have served our country in uniform, as well as to recognize these brave Americans. As a nation, we are indebted to them. On behalf of the 13th Congressional District, I thank Lester for his service to our nation and our community.

HONORING RICHARD BRUMFIELD,
JR. AND GUILLERMO AVINA'S
CONTRIBUTIONS TO
HEALTHCARE

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Richard Brumfield, Jr. and Guillermo Avina, Co-Founders of Full Spectrum Omega, Inc. (FSO), a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) and phytocannabinoids life science company in Los Angeles. FSO's mission is providing access to FDA-approved marijuana-derived products that address unmet medical conditions and improve people's lives and wellbeing.

Richard and Guillermo have a long history of developing cannabis-derived products, operating under California state laws and focused on putting "patients before profits."

With FSO headquartered in California's 34th District, Messrs. Brumfield and Avina play an important role in our community. They also recently held an event in the district to "kick off" a major new initiative. Richard and Guillermo have tirelessly worked to serve our community, and I want to recognize and thank them for their innovative contributions.

HONORING LYNDELL "DALE"
WOODS

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I submit these remarks in honor of Lyndell "Dale" Woods of Salem, Virginia, who died on November 8, 2020. He was a longtime volunteer at the Fort Lewis Fire Department, and the heart disease that took his life developed as a result of his service.

Mr. Woods was born in Stuttgart, Germany, on March 8, 1960 to Rodney Leroy and Maria Liebelt Woods. He graduated from Salem High School in 1978 as part of the school's first graduating class. Volunteer firefighting in the Fort Lewis Fire Department was a calling he pursued for 35 years, from March 1981 until his diagnosis with heart disease in 2016. During that time, he attained the ranks of Lieutenant, Captain, and Membership Office and acquired certifications including Firefighter 1–2, Fire Instructor, and Emergency Vehicle Operator—Class 4.

Mr. Woods worked at PMI Lubricants for 22 years. His community involvement in addition to his volunteer firefighting service included the Boy Scouts of America and coaching Glenvar Recreation League soccer.

Mr. Woods' survivors include his wife Jewel, his son Daniel, four stepdaughters, and eight grandchildren. I wish to offer them and the Fort Lewis Fire Department my condolences on their loss. Many communities across the Ninth District rely on volunteer firefighters such as Mr. Woods for their safety, and his death as a result of the performance of his duties reminds us of their great dedication and sacrifice.

RECOGNIZING THE INSTITUTE FOR
INCLUSION IN THE LEGAL PRO-
FESSIONAL

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2020

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I stand tonight to recognize the Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession on its 10th Anniversary. The legal profession remains one of the least diverse professions in the United States. This adversely impacts the pipeline of women, racial/ethnic minorities, openly LGBTQ+ individuals, individuals with disabilities, and religious minorities, who will serve as future legislators, judges, public policy advocates, civic and community leaders,